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Copy of letter D.Dis.No.570/47, dated 26th September 1947, from Capt. D.R.Sundaram, B.A., Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, Old Engineering College Buildings, Chepauk, Madras. (V.N.Kudva Esqr., C.I.E., I.C.S., Chairman) to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Sub: Annual administration report of the Ceded Districts Economic Development Board - 1946-47 - Submitted.

The Board submits to Government its annual administration report for the year 1946-47.

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THE SIXTH ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE CEDED DISTRICTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, MADRAS FOR THE YEAR ENDING WITH 31--3--1946.

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CONSTITUTION.

Members: Sri Rao Bahadur J.C.Ryan, Dy. Commissioner, Prohibition (Amelioration) and Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, was co-opted as a Member of the Board during the year.

An up-to-date list of the members of the Board (Ex-officio) and a list of the Non-official members for the year under review are given below:-

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Madras.
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Madras.
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.
The Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras.
The Director of Agriculture, Madras.
The Collector of Anantapur.
" Bellary.
" Cuddapah.
" Kurnool.
The Superintending Engineer, Tungabhadra Project, Canal Circle, Bellary.
The Special Officer, Tungabhadra Project, Bellary.
Sri Rao Bahadur J.C.Ryan, Dy. Commissioner, Prohibition (Amelioration) and Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras.

NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

Sri S.Krishnappa, Merchant, Cuddapah.
Sri B.Anantachar, M.L.A., Advocate, Hospet, Bellary Dist.
Sri N.Venkatasubbiah, M.L.A., Nandyal, Kurnool District.
Sri A.Rayappa, M.L.A., Thimmancherla, Anantapur District.
Sri R.Suryanarayana Rao, M.L.C., "Moscot Ville", 20, Edward Elliots Road, Mylapore, Madras.
The President, District Board, Anantapur.
" " " Bellary
" " " Cuddapah
" " " Kurnool

SECRETARY: Sri G.Rami Reddy, B.A., was the Secretary of the Board from 27-6-46 to 27-7-46. Sri B.Joogappa, M.A., was the Secretary from 1-8-46 to 27-8-46. Capt. D.R.Sundaram, B.A., has

been the Secretary since 30-9-46. During the remaining periods of the year, the Assistant Secretary (Irrigation) Board of Revenue, (L.R. & I) was in additional charge of the post of the Secretary of this Board.

TOURING BY SECRETARY.

The Secretary was on tour for 93 days in the year. As a result of the inspection made by the Secretary during his tours the following proposals have been sent up to the concerned authorities for necessary action and report.

1. Conversion of Thimmancherla Panchayat Board, Anantapur, District into a municipality.

2. Provision of protected water supply to Penukonda town, Anantapur District.

3. Reorganising the glass bangle Industry in Guttur Village Penukonda taluk, Anantapur district on modern lines as i Kalahasti of Chittoor district.

4. Tariff protection for the local made silk against cheap foreign staff to encourage the indeginous sericulture Industry.

5. Organising a cooperative society for the carpet manufacturers of Kurnool district.

6. Formation of cattle breeding and marketing societies-on the Anchetty (Hosur) model in a few centres in the Ceded Districts.

7. The importation of Murrah he-buffaloes (Delhi) to grade up the local buffaloes.

8. Installing a saw-mill for slateframe manufacture and starting chunam making, essential oil extraction industries in the Gazulapalli hand made paper factory as otherwise the Paper Factory may not be a self supporting concern and may continue to work at a loss (last year the loss was about 15,000/-Rs.)

9. Proposal of forming a railway line from Kottur in Bellary district to Harihar in Mysore state Via Harpanahalli of Bellary district.

10. Converting the proposed railway out station at Harpanahalli with Hagari Bommanahalli instead of Kottur R.S.

11. Starting a potters' cooperative society at Kanchur village of Harpanhalli taluk, Bellary District.

12. Manufacture of glazed pottery on modern lines at the Government Ceramic factory, Cuddapah.

13. Starting of Cattle Insurance Scheme.

14. Forming a Mat Weavers' Cooperative Society in Gajjalakonda of Markapur taluk of Kurnool District.

15. Organising a Milk Supply Cooperative Society in Bellary town and in Tungabhadra Project site.

16. Starting of House Building Cooperative Societies in all the important places in the Ceded Districts. One at Hindupur and another at Bellary have been formed.

CHAIRMAN: Sri S.Ranganathan, O.B.E., I.C.S., was the Chairman till 23-5-1946 and from 24-5-1946 Sir Gerald Priestley, K.C.I.E., I.C.S., was the Chairman.

Meetings: Three meetings of the Board were convened on 6-4-46, 6-8-46 and 7-1-47.

IRRIGATION.

THUNGABHADRA PROJECT: PROBLEMS OTHER THAN LABOUR.

The Board considered the report of the Special Officer and requested the Heads of Departments to take necessary action to implement his proposals.

EXCAVATION OF HIGH LEVEL CANAL.

The Main difficulty regarding this proposal is the availability of water over which no agreement has yet been reached between Madras and Hyderabad. The Superintending Engineer in charge of the Head works is of opinion that the High level canal will serve only for irrigation and that it is not possible to utilise it for Hydro electric purposes, and that it is not possible to utilise it for Hydro electric purposes, and hence it will not be remunerative, as matters stand at present. The question of a High Level Canal as a serious proposition is likely to come up only after ten or fifteen years by which time much experience regarding irrigation under the Low Level canal would be gained. The Special Chief Engineer, however, assured the Board that separate dummy sluices are being provided in the dam for a future high Level Canal.

The reports of the Special Officer on the water rates, the cropping scheme and labour, colonisation and betterment contribution are under the consideration of the Board. The remarks of the Board of Revenue are awaited.

KURNOOL--CUDDAPAH CANAL.

The Special Officer, Thungabhadra Project has submitted a report in which he recommended the localisation of an ayacut of 2558.76 acres wet and 7732.27 acres dry in 13 villages lying between the miles 53 and 69 of the Canal to be tried as an experiment. The remarks of Chief Engineer (Irrigation) on the subject are awaited.

ABSTRACTION OF WATERS OF SWARNAMUKHI, CHITRAVATHI, JAYAMANGALI AND PAPAGNI ETC., RIVERS BY THE MYSORE GOVERNMENT AFFECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE CEDED DISTRICT; PARTICULARLY ANANTAPUR.

The Mysore Government have intercepted the waters of Chitravati and are contemplating now to divert its supply by constructing an anicut. The Bukkapatnam and Dharmavaram tanks are affected by this. The tanks of Agali etc., villages are similarly affected by a tank constructed at Gubbalaghatta by the Mysore Government by intercepting the waters of the tributary of Swarnamukhi. The Secretary visited these areas and sent a detailed report to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) for necessary action. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has submitted a report to Government regarding the steps to be taken to safeguard the interests of the ayacutdars affected against such inroads. The Board of Revenue has agreed with the views of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). This Board has also recommended the proposals of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) to the Government.

IRRIGATION BY WIND MILLS.

In order to try irrigation by wind mills, four places in the Anantapur district have been selected for fixing anomometers to find out the wind velocities.

GANDIKOTA PROJECT--INVESTIGATION.

The report of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) is awaited.

THE LOWER SAGELERU PROJECT: BADVEL TALUK--CUDDAPAH DISTRICT.

Gaugings are being taken by the P.W.D. in the rivers Sagileru and Bikkineru, preliminary to taking up a detailed investigation.

PEDDA[illegible]JARPALLI TANK: CUDDAPAH TALUK--RESTORATION.

The report of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) regarding the retentivity of the tank bed is awaited.

EXECUTION OF IRRIGATION WORKS UNDER THE G.M.F.SCHEME, ANANTAPUR CIRCLE.

13 out of the 18 works sanctioned have been completed bringing a total of area of 4104 acres under cultivation.

TANK RESTORATION SCHEME WORKS:

The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) is being periodica[illegible] reminded on the need of restoring the abolished T.R.S. sub divisions, as soon as the position regarding the availability of the staff required, improves.

VANKAS: The question of diverting the waters of vankas in the Gooty division of Anantapur district usefully for irrigation purposes is under the consideration, of the Public Works Department.

REPAIRS AND RESTORATION OF ABANDONED TANKS: The question of employing additional M.I.Staff for this work and to try the experiment first in Anantapur District is under consideration. The matter is pending with the Board of Revenue.

WELLS: The progress in sinking well is being watched. The Secretary, during his tours, has been taking effort to persuade the ryots to avail themselves of the concessions granted by the Government under the well-sinking scheme.

The following subjects are under the consideration of the P.W.D.

A. Restoration of Kothakota tank (Rallavagu project), Markapur taluk, Kurnool District.

B. Construction of a reservoir across Chinnakandleru river of Pullalacheruvu village -- Markapur taluk -- Kurnool district. The Board has requested the Government to authorise the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) to make a detailed investigation of the matter.

C. Extension of supply channel to the Ventimatta tank from the river Cheyyar--Sidhout taluk--Cuddapah district.

RESTORATION OF THE KANCHALAMMA TANK, RAYACHOTI OF CUDDAPAH DISTRICT.

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The tank has been in disrepairs for over 150 years. Its restoration has been engaging the attention of the Government since 1877 but it was ultimately given up on account of its poor financial return. If the tank is restored an additional area of about 2000 acres can be brought under cultivation. The Secretary of the Board inspected the tank and sent up a report. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has since recommended the work to Government for sanction.

LOSS OF LAND AND MENACE BY SAND DUNES ALONG THE BANKS OF PENNAR IN PRODDATUR AND JAMMALAMADUGU TALUK OF CUDDAPAH DISTRICT.

The Secretary visited all the villages affected by sand dunes on the banks of the Pennar from Proddatur to Jammalamadugu and submitted his report. The Government have approved the proposal of the Chief Conservator of Forests to start a nursery for raising 40,000 pot plants at once for planting during 1947-48 along the river banks to prevent the sand drift. The question of raising contributions towards the cost of the work from the persons to be benefitted by the work is under correspondence with the P.W.D. The total area to be planted is 130 acres (10 miles long and 2 chains wide). It is proposed to plant 6 miles and 3 furlongs during 1947-48. The Board has recommended to the Government to sanction the funds and the staff requested by the Chief Conservator of Forests for the purpose.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Director of Industries and Commerce reported that the following new railway lines if constructed may add to the economic development of the ceded districts and also prove remunerative.

1. Guntakal to Mysore via Uravakonda, Kalyandrug and Rayadrug taluks.
2. Kottur to Mysore via Daganegere etc.
3. Adoni to Kurnool via Yemmiganur.
4. Hindupur to Kalyandrug via Madakasira.
5. Hindupur to Tanakal via Gorantla and Obuladevarayacheruvu.
6. Nandikotkur to Yerraguntla touching Atmakur, Velugode, Bandi Atmakur, Nandyal, Sirvel, Chagalamarri and Proddatur.
7. Chagalamarri to Dhone via Koilkuntla.

The Chairman of the Board is strongly of the opinion that none of the above lines would run without a heavy loss because the population in the area is not large and the produce is not enough for them to pay. The matter has been referred to the Collectors and Districts Boards. The reports so far received are not very encouraging. Unless the district Boards are prepared to guarantee the Railway Board against any loss, that might be incurred in constructing these new lines, nothing possibly can be done in the matter.

The Board recommended to the Government:

1. The formation of a motorable road for about 30 miles from Dornala to Sreesailam temple, Kurnool district.

2. The construction of 20 platforms for the convenience of the pilgrims at Sreesailam temple.

3. Solving the question of water supply and preventing epidemics by improving the condition of the tanks at Sreesailam and

4. Making a special grant to the District Board to meet the expenditure involved.

ELECTRICITY.

The Ceded Districts Electrification Scheme scheme was recently sanctioned by Government under which power from Mysore will be purchased in bulk and distributed to the adjoining areas. The scarcity of electrical goods appears to be the Chief impediment in the materialisation of the scheme. However, the Chief Engineer (Electricity) is taking steps to execute it before the end of 1948.

AGRICULTURE: Propaganda: The Director of Agriculture has prepared a scheme and estimate for taking ryots in batches on eeucative tours to the Agricultural Farms at Siruguppa and Bagavadi for demonstrating improved methods in cultivation. He has been requested to submit the proposal to Government for sanction.

MULTIPLICATION OF H1 COTTON SEED: The Seed exchange system did not work well and was not helpful to the growers. As it could not cover the entire cotton area without ample loan facilities Government ordered the winding up of the scheme.

TRACTORS: There are 4 tractors for service in the Bellary district belonging to the Agricultural department. As they have been lying idle, for want of spare parts the Director of Agriculture has been requested to take necessary action. The Director of Agriculture has made arrangements for the purchase of the spare parts and has also agreed to send more tractors to Bellary and Kurnool districts when fresh stocks are received.

SMALL SCALE BUNDING: Bunding with wooden bund farmers was tried for a second time. The resultant yields of crops in the bunded plots are not encouraging.

CONTOUR BUNDING SCHEME: It was felt that legislation would be necessary to enable Government to take power for entering on any land for conducting bunding and trenching operations. It is learnt that a draft bill is under the consideration of the Government and accordingly the Government have been requested to pass the bill into law at an early date.

FRUIT CULTIVATION: The report of the soil survey Officer who has been appointed to examine the suitability of the soils of selected sites for fruit cultivation, is awaited.

CASHEW AND CASURINA CULTIVATION.

The Director of Agriculture has prepared a scheme for encouraging Cashew and Casurina plantations. But as the Chief Conservator of Forests is of the opinion that the soil in the Ceded Districts is not suitable for these species, the proposal has been referred to the Director of Agriculture.again for re-examination.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL: The"Seva Mandir" Hindupur, Anantapur district wants to run an agricultural school with Government help. The Collector of Anantapur has been requested to inspect the Mandir and send up a detailed report regarding the financial and technical aspects of the proposal.

THE RAYALASEEMA COOPERATIVE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE: The remarks of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies on the proposals contained in the Committees report are awaited.

KUDITHINI SHEEP BREEDING COOPERATIVE SOCIETY. In their order 3820, Development dated 7-10-46 the Government sanctioned a scheme under which 20 Bikanir Rams will be distributed among the members of the Kudithini Sheep Breeding Cooperative Society of Bellary taluk with a subsidy of Rs.2750/- for 2 years to improve sheep breeding. They also sanctioned an interest-free loan of Rs.500/- to the Society for purchasing the wool from its members. Enquiries made in Kudithini reveal that about 10 rams out of the 20 supplied died, chiefly on account of the negligence of the persons to whose care they were entrusted.

A portion of the Chikkantapuram Panchayat forest together with some of the adjacent un-assessed waste lands has been separately leased out to the society for grazing its sheep. Drinking water facilities for the sheep have also been arranged for in the bifurcated forest area.

THE SUGALIMITTA CATTLE BREEDING COOPERATIVE SOCIETY FOR THE UPLIFT OF SUGALIES, PANYAM, KURNOOL DISTRICT: Government have from time to time considering the various requests of the society and have afforded it all the reasonable facilities it wanted. The society is working fairly well.

THE SARASWATIPALLI CATTLE BREEDING AND MARKETING SOCIETY, RAYACHOTI, CUDDAPAH DISTRICT. The society was started in 1941 but failed to turn out any useful work until January 47 when its activities were revived with the help of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddapah, Dy. Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Cuddapah and the Dairy Development Officer, Madras. The Society has since purchased a stud bull and it is functioning satisfactorily.

THE ADONI WEAVERS' COOPERATIVE SOCIETY, BELLARY: The Registrar of Cooperative Societies has not recommended the Society's application for a free grant of funds to purchase frame looms, warping machine etc., as the Society has not shown much progress in its business. The proposal was therefore dropped. But the Society has renewed its application for a free grant, on the plea that it has since improved its business remarkably well. The matter is engaging the attention of the Board.

THE PULLAMPET PADMASALAI WEAVERS'COOPERATIVE SOCIETY, CUDDAPAH DISTRICT: The Government have rejected the Society's request for a subsidy of Rs.6000/- to construct a handloom factory. The question will be renewed after some time, if it is necessary.

THE BESTAVARAPUPET WEAVERS' COOPERATIVE SOCIETY, CUMBUM TALUK, KURNOOL DISTRICT: The society had a scheme to construct a colony for its members. There are no Government lands for alienation as house sites in the vicinity. The Society is not also financially sound to undertake any such ambitious schemes. It was informed accordingly.

CARPET WEAVERS' COOPERATIVE SOCIETY. The proposal of starting a society at Kurnool has been referred by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to the Dy. Registrar of Cooperative Societies Kurnool. The Dy. Registrar has convened a meeting of the important carpet weavers of the locality and is taking steps to start the society at an early date.

THE KURNOOL COOPERATIVE MILK SUPPLY SOCIETY. There are 27 Milk Suppliers in the Society. The daily average consumption is 380 seers (1 seer: 32 ozs.) The society purchases milk from the members at Rs.0-7-9 per seer and sells it to the consumers at Rs.0-8-6. The society was granted by Government an interest-

free loan of Rs.2000/- which was completely repaid. Another interest free loan of Rs.7,100/- sanctioned by Government has not been drawn on account of the difficulty experienced by the society in securing milking cows. The society is much handicapped by the dearth of ground-nut cake and grazing facilities. Milk is being distributed by the society on cycles. It would be very advantageous to the society and the consumers if a motor van is employed to distribute milk. In order to encourage the maintenance of cattle even by the poorer classes, It is considered necessary to start insurance societies for cattle. The Registrar of Co-operative societies and the Director of Veterinary Services have been addressed in the matter. The Collector of the district has been requested to assign a site to the society so that it may have a building of its own.

THE MARIAPURAM COOPERATIVE MILK SUPPLY SOCIETY, CUDDAPAH. The society was registered in January 47 and is functioning from April 47. There are new 18 members on the rolls with a paid-up share capital of Rs.465/-. It purchases milk at 0-11-0 per measure from its members and sells to the public at Rs.0-12-0. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies has recommended it a loan of Rs.750/- for providing a few of its new members with milch buffaloes. The society needs a shed at a cost of Rs.700/- for a common milking yard. The Registrar of Cooperative Societie has been addressed for his remarks.

UPLIFT OF YERRAMALAI CHENCHUS. The Registrar of Cooperative societies consultation with the Director of Industries and Commerce has formulated a scheme for starting a multi-purpose cooperative society for the Chenchus. . The Board recommended the Proposal to Government, who have referred it the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and the Chief Conservator of Forests.

CONTROLLED CREDIT SCHEME. A revised 5 year plan for the development of marketing of the agricultural produce is, under the consideration of the Government. When the scheme is approved, the question of trying it in select societies in the Ceded District will be considered by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

LOAN AND SALES SOCIETIES: The question of providing godowns to the societies as a part of post-war schemes is also reported to be under the consideration of the Government along with the 5 year plan referred to in the previous para.

THE CUDDAPAH HAND MADE PAPER MANUFACTURING COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

This society was working at a heavy loss. To save the share capital the chairman suggested that it may be wound up as it was in a hopeless position. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies reported that inspite of repeated efforts the society could not be resuscitated and made to work. It is high time that the society is wound up.

THE LEPAKSHI MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD,HINDUPUR, ANANTAPUR DISTRICT:
The Society has taken up the following items of work:

1. conducting of fair price shops.

2. distribution of yarn to Handlooms.

3. Leather goods manufacturing (at present stopped for want of technical assistance and supply of chemicals).

4. sericulture.

5. woollen industry.

6. Mat weaving and basket making etc.

7. Sugar and Jaggery manufacture; The society is said to be making trials for manufacturing sugar on the open-pan system.

The society is also engaging itself in solving the difficulties of the ryots in matters of irrigation, agriculture and livestock.

THE HOSPET SUGAR CANE GROWERS' UNION, BELLARY: The revival of the Union and the Cane Growers' cooperative society is under the consideration of the Government.

INDUSTRIES (MAJOR INDUSTRIES).

TEXTILE INDUSTRY: The erection of the following mills has not yet completed. They have not been able to make any substantial progress due to the policy of the Government which was unsettled till recently, and also on account of the difficulty in importing machinery.

1. The Rayalaseema Mills Ltd., Adoni, Bellary District.

2. The Karnataka Spinning and Weaving Mills Ltd., Bellary District (Organiser: Sri Rao Bahadur Y.Mahabaleswarappa). This firm has been allotted 17,000 coarse spindles and 212 looms by the Government of India. Arrangements are being made by the Textile Commissioner, Bombay for the grant of a licence to the firm for importing the machinery.

3. The Rayalaseema Textiles Ltd., Tadpatri, Anantapur District (Organiser: Sri M.L.Narayanaswamy).

4. The Kamalapuram Spinning and Weaving Mills Ltd., Kamalapuram, Cuddapah district (Organiser: P.N.Guruvappa).

5. The Thungabhadra Textiles Ltd., Nandyal, Kurnool district (Organiser: M.Madhava Rao, B.A.)

VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTRY.

The following are the vegetable oil factories in the Ceded Districts.

1. The Rayalaseema Vegetable Products Ltd., Kurnool: Organiser: Sri Rao Bahadur Y.Mahabaleswarappa: This company has started functioning.

2. The Karnatic vegetable oil and refineries Ltd., Hospet (Factory at Hagari-Bommanchalli), The buildings required are being completed. (Managing partner: B.Chennappa).

3. Messrs. Birla Bros., Kurnool: The company is constructing its buildings.

4. Vegetable Oil factory, Cuddapah (Organiser: Sri M.L. Narayanaswamy).

5. The Hindupur vegetable oil and refineries Ltd., (Organiser: Sri Rao Sahib Donti Bheemiah Chetty. The company has acquired site and its buildings are coming up. Arrangements are being made for importing the machinery from abroad.

6. Sri Radhakrishna Vegetable oil Products, Pamidi (Factory at Kallur). The plant has been erected and mills are functioning.

7. The Ramakrishna Oil Mills, Hindupur.

8. The Bijou Oil Mills, Hindupur.

Some of them are in the stage of constructing buildings, importing the plant required and installing the machinery while a few are already working.

SUGAR INDUSTRY: The Government of India have authorised the issue of capital to "the Rayalaseema Sugars and allied Products Ltd., Hindupur".

CEMENT INDUSTRY: The question of nationalising cement and other basic industries is under the consideration of the Government of India. Sri Rao Bahadur B.P.Sesha Reddy of Kurnool has however been permitted to establish a cement factory of a productive capacity of 50,000 tons per annum at Kurnool and he has been recommended by the Government of India for the issue of capital and the grant of import licence required for the machinery.

WOOLLEN INDUSTRY: This industry has not developed for the following reasons. There is no cleaning and grading of wool, the looms are of an antiquated type, there is no organised marketing of the produce and the sheep breeders are being exploited by traders. Further the industry is concentrated in the hands of the Kurubas or the shepherd class, who are very conservative by nature and who are either slow or even averse to implement the modern methods to improve this industry. The cumbly Weavers' Cooperative Societies have now been affiliated to the Madras Provincial Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies has formulated a scheme according to which a grading expert, an inspector and some shearers will go round each district for a month in the season and collect all the wool from sheep breeders. The wool will be cleaned and slivered by the carding and willowing machine which will be installed at a central place by the Madras Provincial Handloom Cooperative Society and the balance, if any, exported out of the province. It was therefore resolved to request Government to sanction a subsidy of Rs.25,000/- to the Madras Provincial Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society for purchasing a willowing and carding machine like the one now at Bellary Central Jail. The Madras Provincial Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society will also train 6 to 8 Kuruba boys at a time in cleaning and grading of wool at the carding and willowing factory to be installed.

SLATE INDUSTRY: The question of starting a joint stock co-operative society for slate miners and manufacturers to improve the industry is under correspondence with the director of Industries and Commerce.

Slate is available largely in Markapur taluk of Kurnool District. With a view to check wasteful methods of explitation, to introduce improve methods of slate quarrying and slate industry the Board of Revenue has suggested to the Government to appoint a mining Engineer, who will advise the Government regarding the mining of all minerals.

DOLL MAKING INDUSTRY: COTTAGE INDUSTRIES.

To help the doll manufacturers of Settigunta Village, Rajampet taluk, Cuddapah District, the District Forest Officer, Cuddapah,South, has made it compulsory in respect of four fuel camps of Balapalli range that the contractors should supply 130 tons of doll wood to the doll manufacturers at Settigunta at a fixed price of Rs.85/- per ton. If more quantity of wood is required it will be supplied from the coupes of the Forest department.

HAND SPINNING. A subsidy of Rs.1000/- has been sanctioned to the Khadi Spinning Centre, Uravakonda, (Anantapur district) for freely distributing 200 charkhas to the spinners of the locality. The centre is slow in its progress and has not as yet distributed all the charkhas. It has therefore not been able to draw the subsidy amount.

LEATHER INDUSTRY: The Government sanctioned a subsidy of Rs.200/- to the Vadugur Industries and Trading Association Ltd., Gooty for purchasing a leather sewing machine.

POULTRY FARMING: There is a poultry farm run by Messrs. Koka Savitri Devi at Alur of Bellary district. It is well conducted and is doing good work. The Board recommended to Government a subsidy of Rs.750/- to the proprietrix of the farm for purchasing an incumbator, poultry houses and other appertenances required for improving the farm on condition that at least 500 eggs at 2x2x 0-2-0 each for hatching purposes and 20 pure bred cockerels 4 to 5 months old at Rs.4-0-0 each should be made available by the farm for sale to the surrounding villages.

MAT WEAVING BASKET AND FAN MANUFACTURING: At the instance of the Board, the Director of Industries and Commerce has drafted a scheme for opening a training centre at Gooty for the benefit of the Sugalies, who will be trained in the various cottage industries on modern lines. The Director of Industries and Commerce has been requested to submit the scheme to Government for sanction of funds, if necessary, through this Board.

DRINKING WATER SUPPLY. A district-war list of localities arranged in the order of urgency has been compiled to facilitate a comprehensive examination of the problem. The department of Geological Survey has promised to devote special attention to the mining survey operations in the Ceded districts.

The question of water supply to the black cotton areas of Bellary district by means of pipes from River Hagari is being tackled.

WATER SUPPLY TO PENUKONDA TOWN OF ANANTAPUR DISTRICT: A geoligist is reported to have visited the place, made a detailed survey and recommended a scheme. His report is awaited.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT. There is a proposal to open a Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Peapally of Kurnool district.

LIVE STOCK: The Government in their order No.Ms.2022, dated 7-5-47 approved the proposals of the Director of Veterinary Services to oepn a combined sheep and cattle farm in Kurikuppi village of Hospet taluk of Bellary district. The farm is expected to start working from the year 1948-49.

In their order No.Ms.2761, dated 17-7-46, Government sanctioned the purchase and distribution of 20 Bikaneer Rams during 46-47. The rams will be distributed to selected custodians in Hospet taluk of Bellary district and Nandikotkur Taluk of Kurnool district, with a subsidy of Rs.2/- per month per each ram for a period of 2 years, for their maintenance. The ownership of the rams is to be assigned to the custodians after the elapse of the period of 2 years. The scheme was sanctioned in order to improve the local sheep and also the cumbly industry.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Happanahalli town in Bellary district is often visited by plague and Malaria. The Director of Public Health has suggested antimalarial measures amounting to Rs.25,000/- with an annual recurring expenditure of Rs.675/-. The Panchayat Board of Harpanahalli is unable to meet the total cost involved. The Director of Public Health has therefore been addressed to contact the District Board through the Inspector of Local Boards and take necessary action. The report of the Director of Public Health is awaited.

PROHIBITION (AMELIORATION). The question of improving the social and economic condition of the sugalies of Gooty taluk, Anantapur district by opening schools and educating them, starting useful cottage industries to engage them and by affording them facilities like drinking water supply etc. is under the consideration of the Board.

There is a proposal to open parks and play grounds to serve as counter attractions to the ex-addicts in the Hindupur Municipality of Anantapur district. The Dy. Commissioner for Prohibition (Amelioration) the Municipal Commissioner, Hindupur and the Secretary inspected three places in the Municipality suitable for opening such parks and play grounds.

AFFORESTATION: There has been wreckless, illicit felling and cutting of trees for fuel and other purposes with the result that there now remains only a very thin tree growth in the area. The question of afforestation has been engaging the attention of the Board since a long time, It was resolved by the Board to request Government for an allotment of Rs.5000/-. for the purchase and free distribution of babul seeds for planting them in the tank bund areas. The seeds will be distributed by the Collectors to Panchayat Boards and some enthusiastic individuals who will plant the seeds, protect the trees and enjoy the usufruct during specified periods according to the terms of the lease. The Chief Engineer (Highways) and the Chief Conservator of Forests will also be requested to experiment similar plantations on road margins and humid lands in reserve forests respectively.

DIVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES. The committees are doing useful work by encouraging local cottage industries such as mat weaving, basket, fan and rope-making, bee-keeping, poultry farming, fruit and vegetable growing, hand spinning and weaving, screen painting, cattle breeding, night schools for the spread of adult education and holding cattle breeding, night schools for the spread of adult education and holding cattle shows, agricultural and industrial exhibitions etc. The Secretary is the course of his tours, is keeping himself in touch with the activities of the committees and is giving them advice whenever necessary.

The Board has recommended to Government a proposal for abolishing the numerous existing village committees and for forming a single supreme committee for each village to manage all its affairs with sub committees, if necessary, for particular branches of work.

CERAMIC INDUSTRY. There are three Government centres situated in Bethamcherla (Anantapur district), Cuddapah and Harpanahalli (Bellary District) where potters are being trained in the modern methods of producing utility and other pottery-wares. All the three institutions are doing useful work. Attempts are being made to start potters' cooperative Societies in places where suitable clay deposits are available and where some trained potters are congregated.

TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRES. The Director of Industries and Commerce has informed the Board that there is a proposal to start a polytechnic with an industrial school attached at Bellary and another industrial school at Nandyal.

GENERAL: The question of dividing the Ceded Districts into suitable zones to be demarcated on maps for ready reference on matters of industries, communications, marketing, agricultural products and other characteristic features is pending with the Collectors of the Ceded Districts.

The Board is only a Advisory body with no funds or powers to sanction or finance any scheme of its own accord. The question of reorganising the Board with a high powered executive authority and providing it with block grants is under the consideration of the Government. When this is done the Board will have a larger sphere of work and can serve the Ceded Districts more effectively.

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